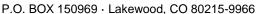
### **COLORADO CROP PROGRESS**



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 21, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: The benefits of received precipitation were erased by hot and windy weather last week, according to the Mountain Region Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Winter wheat maturity advanced quickly and limited harvest began in the southeastern district. In northeastern counties, mostly dry conditions continued. Less wind is needed to help soils retain moisture. Concerns were noted for winter wheat yields as harvest approaches in coming weeks. East central counties received isolated precipitation, but high winds continued to deplete soil moisture supplies. Producers remained very concerned regarding deteriorating crop and pasture conditions. The latest U.S. Drought Monitor report showed extreme drought conditions extending into more east central counties. Southwestern counties remained dry and no moisture was received. A significant wildfire was burning in Montezuma and La Plata counties. In the San Luis Valley, the first cutting of alfalfa progressed quickly and potato emergence was virtually complete. No precipitation was received last week and conditions remained dry. In southeastern counties, wheat harvest began in some areas but low test weights were discouraging. Condition of crops and pasture continued to deteriorate due to dry and windy weather. Stored feed supplies were rated 7 percent very short, 18 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Sheep death loss was 68 percent average and 32 percent light. Cattle death loss was 87 percent average and 13 percent light.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS						
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Alfalfa hay						
1st cutting harvested	75	63	65	69		
2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting harvested	2	NA	NA	NA		
Barley						
Headed	23	5	13	29		
Dry edible beans						
Planted	93	75	50	72		
Emerged	51	31	18	48		
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley						
Emerged	96	81	83	89		
Proso Millet						
Planted	96	87	80	NA		
Sorghum						
Planted	87	68	86	89		
Emerged	55	42	51	61		
Sunflowers						
Planted	86	78	68	69		
Winter wheat						
Headed	97	92	94	98		
Turning color	63	32	37	66		
Mature	17	1	1	14		
Harvested	7			1		

NA – not available

(--) – zero

#### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.3	5.9	4.6	5.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	25	20	1	5
Short	49	55	6	13
Adequate	26	25	84	76
Surplus			9	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	24	21	3	6
Short	46	50	11	15
Adequate	30	29	81	75
Surplus			5	4

NA – not available

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### CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay	•	*		
Very poor	10	11	2	3
Poor	12	16	6	8
Fair	28	28	10	24
Good	44	41	68	53
Excellent	6	4	14	12
Barley				
Very poor	1		1	
Poor	9	6	3	1
Fair	31	27	19	20
Good	46	48	49	53
Excellent	13	19	28	26
Corn				
Very poor	4	2		
Poor	15	7	4	4
Fair	47	65	27	20
Good	28	22	63	64
Excellent	6	4	6	12
Dry edible beans	· ·	·		12
Very poor	1	NA	NA	NA
Poor	18	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA
Fair	49	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA
Good	28	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA
Excellent	4	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA
Onions	7	1111	1111	1111
Very poor	2	2		2
Poor	3	3		<u> </u>
Fair	26	26	6	13
Good	65	65	88	69
	4	4	6	12
Excellent	4	4	U	12
_	32	27	1	6
Very poor	16	13	2	10
	26	26	19	20
Fair	26 26	-	-	52
Good	20	34	58	
Excellent			19	12
Potatoes inside San Luis Valley				
Very poor				
Poor	5	3	5	2
Fair	27	18	25	25
Good	49	53	51	56
Excellent	19	26	19	17
Potatoes outside San Luis Valley	2	2		
Very poor	2	2		
Poor	3	3	2	1
Fair	21	21	17	13
Good	62	62	73	68
Excellent	12	12	8	18
Sorghum			_	
Very poor	1	2	2	1
Poor	5	5	2	2
Fair	62	53	22	19
Good	28	34	67	73
Excellent	4	6	7	5
Sugarbeets				
Very poor	3	3		1
Poor	11	8	1	3
Fair	28	28	28	19
Good	48	48	59	61
Excellent	10	13	12	16
Winter wheat				
Very poor	14	16	1	3
Poor	23	22	3	12
Fair	34	31	16	27
Good	27	29	51	43
Excellent	2	2	29	15
Livestock				
Very poor	1	2	1	
Poor	6	6	4	2
Fair	25	22	21	15
Good	60	54	61	71
Excellent	8	16	13	12
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NA – not available (--) – zero